

## PROF. CONKLING'S SUICIDE

THE GHASTLY CORPSE THAT WAS  
FOUND IN A CRYPT

**FOUND IN A CANOE.**  
A Music Teacher's Love and Lunacy—Death  
and Despair—A Tragedy of the Delaware—  
How Prof. Conkling Died.

MILFORD, Pa., May 5.—The telegraph briefly announced one day last week the finding of the body of an unknown man floating down the Delaware river, near this place, in a canoe with his throat cut.

The corpse, after being laid out in the court house in this village, was identified by a local resident as that of Eli Roberts Conkling, formerly a professor of music in the Milford Academy, and a man of the highest intellectual attainments. The causes leading to his suicide it was felt plain that he had himself inflicted the injuries which proved fatal—were then un-

In 1901, Prof. Conkling was a resident of this village, having charge of the musical department of the academy. He was universally liked for his many excellent qualities, and respected for his culture and ability. He left here in 1903 and up to the time of his tragic reappearance had not been heard of. It seems that he had

been for some time previous to his death as assistant editor of the *Tyrene* (*Pal Heralt*). While in that village he formed the acquaintance of an estimable young lady, the daughter of wealthy parents in Tyrene. Acquaintance ripened into an ardent attachment, which was reciprocated. The parents of the young lady opposed the attentions of Mr. Conkling, but the pair clandestinely enjoyed each other's society. One month, the two having been some time separated, the lady, who had been the while taken seriously ill, Conkling attempted several times to see her, but was prevented. The girl

The grief of her lover was so intense that it became evident that it was affecting his mind. He raved about the cruelty of her parents, and he might not eventually become her husband. He became unfit for the duties of his position and was finally obliged to resign.

The next day he was in New Jersey City. He was met a day or two before his death near Baymonta Ferry by his nephew, who works in New York. Conflicting was wandering about abstractedly, and his nephew said that he was not in his right mind. He was taken to the New York City railway train for Middletown. The conductor of the train was requested to take

look after him and his wife, and he fled on his own. So the conductor asked Konkling if he had any other way to let him off at that station, when a few miles west of it the conductor asked Konkling if he wanted to get off. He replied that he wanted to go to the city. About a mile east of the station he desired the conductor to stop the train and let him off. He looked wildly around and exclaimed, "They are going to kill me!" Let me get off!" The conductor passed on. When the train arrived at the city, Konkling was ordered to be seen. He and jumped from the train.

A party went back to Neversink bridge, expecting to find his mangled remains, but he could not be found.

Early the next morning a stranger applied at the house of a man living near the Delaware river for the loan of a boat to take a row in the stream. The man, who had a high forehead in the middle of the river, swollen with recent rains, and then pointed the boat down the stream, and was soon carried out of sight by the rapid current. About the middle of the day a man was seen by raftsmen passing down the river, running wildly about on an island two miles above this place. He acted as if he was being pursued by some unseen enemy. A few days later a boatman, about seven miles above

monstrous beast named Roger Quick, who lives on the Jersey side. Seeing something lying in the boat, Quick dove out of it, and discovered a man in the agonies of death. Blood was flowing freely from an ugly wound in the side of his neck. A pocket knife lay near his outstretched hand. Quick towed the boat to the village as quickly as possible, and medical aid was called, but the man died, and after the boat was washed there, Nana could identify the body.

Although the features were familiar to all, it was finally recognized, as stated by a lady who had formerly been a pupil of the deceased. His friends were at once summoned, and a Coroner's investigation held. The body was removed to Middletown for burial.

Eli Roberts Conkling was well known in musical circles. He was the author of many popular instrumental and vocal pieces.

**An Orphan Girl Murdered by a Young Swiss Emigrant.**  
 MORAVIA, N. Y., May 4.—Yesterday morning a foster daughter of Abram Westcott, a well-to-do farmer living in the adjoining town of Locke, was murdered, it is supposed, by a young Swiss emigrant whom Mr. Westcott had in his employ. Mr. Westcott and his wife started for Moravia early in the morning, leaving

The two young people alone in the house. All non-affiliated with the family. The young girl, who was sitting room floor with her head in her own blood with a large knife buried in her back between the spine and shoulder blade, she was keeping in her last agony and died in a few minutes. It was afterward discovered that after changing his boots for a pair belonging to Mr. Westcott the young emigrant had fled. He had been seen by the neighbors, who were all farmers, and at last accounts had been tracked as far as Northville, in the town of Genoa, ten miles from Mt. Westcott's and about three from Cayuga Lake.

The murdered girl was an orphan, aged fourteen years. About three years ago she was taken by Mr. Westcott from the Cayuga County Asylum at Auburn and adopted as his own.

workman, which passed within a few inches of his wife's head. It is reported that the operators today decided to combine and procure 1,000 emigrants from East Garden. This will probably break the Union and end the strike.

**The Suicide of Lieut. Worden.**  
WATERTOWN, N. Y., May 5.—Lieut. John F. Worden, an army officer, stationed at Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor, committed suicide yesterday morning.

by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a carving knife. The death of his wife some months ago, it supposed, deranged his mind. He was a son of Adm'r Worley, who commanded the Monitor in the conflict with the rebel ram Merrimack.

**FLASHES FROM THE OCEAN CABLE**

James L. Orr, our minister in Russia, died at St. Petersburg yesterday.

Admiral Raibault de Genouilly, of the French Navy, is dead. He was a Senator and Minister of Marine and the Colonies during the reign of Napoleon III.

A conflagration in the old market-town of Braunton, in the County of Devon, Eng., destroyed seven or eight houses and rendered a large number of people homeless.

Next month a company of capitalists will put four swift steamers into the North River to carry passengers between the Battery and Yonkers, touching at intermediate points.

The General Term Judges did not announce their decision in the Stokes case yesterday, as was expected. It is to be given to-day. The conclusion of the case is stated to be adverse to him.

Messrs. Green and Rodewald, English hanker their families and a party of friends took a paquebot for San Francisco yesterday. The coach runs from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mr. Pulinski accompanied the party.

Yubon, a thin slip at the north end of the city, and the main streets, where two soldiers are daily tending an organ, one wore the blue and the other the gray during our late war. The wearer of the blue is crippled for life; his partner is able to carry the organ, and the work for him and with each other.

John McDermott, who killed his wife in Fifth second street in the fall of last month, and afterward attempted suicide by beating his head against the iron pipe in his cell in the Forty-second street police station is convalescent. Capt. Francis, fearing that he might escape from the hospital through the door, which has been opened in the tragedy, yesterday had him transferred to the hospital ward where he is recovering.

In the case in which the New York Central Railroad Company is defendant, the United States district court, at New York, is now hearing the case, the attorney for the railroad company, claiming "collateral bars" of the federal court, based on continuing the subject property of the railroad company for the payment of taxes on its stock in bonds. Judge Woodard has ordered that the United States courts have no jurisdiction in the parties and suit are all "dismissed" and the suit is to be decided by the state courts. The suit will be continued unless the State Court interferes.